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MAJOR GENERAL MARK EDWARD BRADLEY, JR., USAF

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Mark Edward Bradley, Jr., was born in Clemson, South Carolina, December 10, 1907. He was graduated from Clemson High School in 1924 and attended Clemson Agricultural and Mechanical College for two years. In July, 1926, he entered the U.S. Military Academy and was graduated and commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery June 12, 1930. In September he began flying school, and upon graduation a year later was rated a pilot. He was transferred to the Air Corps December 22, 1931.

General Bradley's first assignment as an Air Corps officer was with the First Pursuit Group at Selfridge Field, Michigan. In 1933, he entered the Air Corps Technical School, and upon graduation the following year was assigned to the 18th Pursuit Group at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

In 1937, General Bradley entered Tactical School at Maxwell Field, Alabama. He was graduated a year later and assigned to Wright Field, Ohio, as a test pilot. Soon afterward, he was appointed a project officer in the Fighter Branch of the Materiel Division at Wright Field. He became chief of the Fighter Branch in January, 1943, and in September, 1944, was named chief of the Flight Section.

General Bradley went to Europe in January, 1945, to become deputy commander, of the First Tactical Air Force Service Command, and in April, 1945, was assigned to the Intelligence Section of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe. He returned to the United States in May, 1945, and two months later became deputy chief of staff of the Fifth Air Force in Japan. He assumed command of the 301st Fighter Wing on Okinawa in February, 1946.

In October, 1946, General Bradley returned to the United States, and in December, 1946, became an instructor in the Operations Division of the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Virginia. He was appointed assistant director of the Operations Division of the College a month later. In April, 1948, he was assigned to the office of the Director of Procurement and Industrial Planning at Air Materiel Command headquarters, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The following August he was appointed Deputy Director of Procurement and Industrial Planning there, and in July, 1951, was named acting Director of Procurement and Industrial Planning, and two months later was appointed Director of Procurement and Industrial Planning. In

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December, 1951, he was redesignated Director of Procurement and Production.

General Bradley has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, and Air Medal. He is rated a command pilot, combat observer, and aircraft observer.

#### PROMOTIONS

He was promoted to first lieutenant (temporary) March 12, 1935; to first lieutenant (permanent) August 1, 1935; to captain (permanent) June 12, 1940; to major (temporary) July 15, 1941; to lieutenant colonel (temporary) January 5, 1942; to colonel (temporary) August 1, 1944; to major (permanent) June 12, 1947; to colonel (permanent) April 2, 1948; to brigadier general (temporary) January 16, 1950; to major general (temporary) October 9, 1951, with date of rank from September 23, 1951.

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